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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE REQUEST ON MALDIVES' RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: STATE 19889

Classified By: A/DCM Mike Hammer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Post has chosen not to deliver reftel demarche given President Evo Morales' propensity to use climate change as a political issue. The President frequently blames the United States for climate change and often remarks it is the lesser-developed countries who disproportionately suffer from the phenomena. Post believes that raising the issue with the Bolivian government could actually backfire and might provoke the Bolivian government into more actively encouraging other countries to join the Maldives' resolution on climate change and human rights.

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